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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/323,692 |
| Filing Date | June 2, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor | Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2815 |
| Examiner Name | E. Lee |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0756-1980 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 15, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____


2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

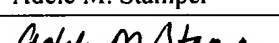
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Signature |  | Date | June 16, 2003 |

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FORM***(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration and Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosures 1. RCE 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. |
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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 750 | 201 | 375 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 520 | 207 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 750 | 208 | 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| | -80** = | X | = |
| Independent Claims | ** = | X | = |
| Multiple Dependent | | = | = |

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 116 | 410 | 200 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 117 | 930 | 460 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 118 | 1,450 | 720 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 128 | 1,970 | 228 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q) |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b)) |
| 179 | 750 | 279 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application |

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